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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued April 4, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2, 3 and 6-10 without prejudice, and enter the following amended claims.

1. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence that is at least 98% identical to
SEQ ID NO:1, or a sequence that is complementary thereto, or a sequence that due to the